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Mr. Cirian:

We have phoned you on several occasions regarding your research and efforts to establish a source of power beyond the lower gate on the Rainy Creek Road.

My understanding, at this point in time, is that you have made a decision to erect power poles on the County right away on Rainy Creek Road with overhead lines to source the generator beyond the gate.

My request of you, sir, is to write a formal letter of your intent along with copies of approval from the Montana Dept. of Transportation as well as the Lincoln County Commissioners signed with approval of at least two of the three Commissioners currently in office.

As you well know we have communicated both on site, and in conference with ourselves, EPA Region #8 and the Lincoln County Commissions at an earlier date on this issue.

We would prefer the power line to be underground but you, Mike, have stated that it would cost an additional \$3,400 approximately to do this.

Then you asked me over the phone if we would be willing to pay the difference!

Where you have the markers set for poles and "guy lines" we have an irrigation line with upright exposed sprinklers in place which are watering our property as well as a continues hedge of shrubs within two feet of the proposed poles.

Secondly, the power line is going to be within 75' of a rock quarry on our property and which prior to original EPA clean-up in 2000, was an active source of "blasted" rock and boulders for rip rap and landscaping purposes. It was registered and approved by the State of MT and we are currently in the process of renewing our permit since the property has been released for our use by the EPA.

According to "Flathead Electric" they are not too anxious to have overhead power lines that are close to any area which promote the use of explosives for extracting mineral resources. Our tenure on this project goes back fifteen years and was only put on hold in 2000 by the EPA.

Our records show that this rock quarry does NOT indicate any asbestos form and it has been sampled and recorded as being clean!

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We anticipate proceeding with this venture in the Spring of 2011 and I would at this time take the opportunity to notify you folks that we too have a right to use that road up to the closed gate and we will follow State Safety and Health issues relating to this project. There may be delays in hauling and "Blasting" procedures of our equipment and possibly you may want to consider moving the building that has been located in the middle of the Rainy Creek Road below the closed gate. We can not be responsible or liable for damage to property or assets that are located and operating on County Rights of Way without a pennit to do so.

Also. Sir, we anticipate applying for a permit from the Lincoln County Commissioners to excavate a waterline across the Rainy Creek Road between the closed gate and Hwy-#37.

As you are aware, over the past five years, we have been irrigating both sides of the Rainy Creek Road using "fire hose" to cross the road to get to our irrigation lines. We have accommodated the EPA by doing this once a week starting on Saturday and removing the "fire hose" on Monday at 5:30 AM during the growing season. Once we have placed the underground pipe under the asphalt, we will be able to water our property at our convenience .

At this point in time we can not provide you with a date that this will happen but as you folks know there will be delays in hauling material to the mine site. If we have to pay the difference between putting in a vault for underground wiring versus overhead poles then you certainly can be sympathetic to our use of pick and shovels to excavate a water line across the Rainy Creek Road. It is simply a matter of economics.

In closing, the power poles will adversely impact the valuation of our property versus an underground vault. Maybe Mike you can pay the difference in property value. We certainly would consider working with the EPA on this issue, but it is getting more and more difficult, these days to do so.

Sincerely

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